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The mix of suspense and humor in 'IT CHAPTER TWO'

The famous 2017 adaptation of Stephen King's novel "IT" comes to its conclusion with a sequel that is once again directed by Andy Muschietti and produced by Barbara Muschietti. Ahead of the grand premiere on Sept. 6, Metro chatted with both of them. CRISTINA URRUTIA A.

I would like to start with the cast selection. How did they choose the artists so well and how did you get them to behave in the same way?

Andy Muschietti (AM): The physical similarity was very important for me. But above all, for them to have the same energy, or parts of the personality and characteristics of these children. Those were the two most important things for me. And the truth is that I had the pleasure of working with my favorite actors. Jessica (Chastain) was the first one to enter, even before finishing Chapter 1, she was very excited about the project. Bill Hader, (James) McAvoy, James Ransone and the rest went through the casting.

One of the most disturbing scenes is when Beverly visits her old home in Derry and this creepy old woman appears. Tell us more about it.

AM: It is a scene that is born from the anticipation, construction, retention that becomes almost unbearable, until reaching an end point. The tension reaches an exaggerated point and in addition, there is a lot of humor. That mixture of suspense and humor always attracts me — and much more considering that the monster is a clown, who does the worst things with a hint of macabre humor. That's why when it freezes in the middle of a smile, you don't know what's wrong with it.

When we see Mrs. Kersh, at the end of the hall, while Beverly is reading the letter with a smile, that is one of the moments I like the most. You are really establishing a game of complicity with the audience.

Your movies prioritize the grotesque and explicit over traditional "jumpscare" (a technique used in horror movies intended to scare the audience by surprising them). Why did you choose that path?

AM: I like both. As you can see in the movie there is construction, tension, there is also jumpscare. But I also like the explicit. I like so much to hide and generate tension with something that is hidden.

With the previous movie we learned that Bill Skarsgard scared the children on the Pennywise set. Did something similar happen this time?

Barbara Muschietti (BM): I would say that it is really impressive to see him with the costume and makeup. Even when he tries to be friendly and be part of the group, when he has his makeup on and measures two meters... it's awesome, it's really awesome. We did not do it on purpose this time, because they are all adults and professional actors, but when he appears, everyone is mute. It is quite peculiar.

In addition, on the set, we have a black box where he prepares for the shooting. And when it opens everyone is silent. It really is an experience.

Director Andy Muschietti and producer Barbara Muschietti.
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You have devoted yourself to horror movies. Is there anything that scares you?

AM: There are many things. I'm afraid of cockroaches a lot. That is a primitive fear that I have had since I was little. And a little more adult fears include the ones of death, loneliness and machismo.

BM: I don't like guns and violence. It really is something I can't get used to.

How complicated was it to incorporate comic elements into a movie that is mainly traditional horror?

AM: It's not complicated, it's actually a tool to make the balance. When you have a comic scenario, it helps you to reconnect with the protagonists. And, on the other hand, at the experience level, people relax with this humor. It is very difficult to maintain tension for a long time. People get tired and for the audience it is better to relax as soon as possible.

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Bill Hader and James Ransome in "IT Chapter 2." BROOKE PALMER

James Ransone on 'winning the Powerball' with his role in *'IT Chapter 2'*

We spoke with the actor ahead of the film's release this weekend.

PAT KING

James Ransone is having a hard time taking praise for these days. But, while looking at some of the projects he has been attached to lately, one could argue that the man is having a "moment" after years of work in the industry. After some scene-stealing moments in recent indie films like Sean Baker's "Tangerine," Ti West's Western "In the Valley of Violence," and even acting alongside Sean Penn in the Hulu series "The First," Ransone will be co-starring in one of the biggest films of the year, "IT Chapter 2."

"My version of my own horror movie is to watch myself. It's so difficult to watch myself in anything," Ransone tells me one afternoon as I catch up with him over the phone. "I just learned that it's better to go, 'Oh, I'm gonna go to Barnes and Noble while this premiere is happening!"

This kind of humility from the actor permeates throughout our conversation, but don't let it fool you. Ransone has been consistently putting in the work, and while in the past it may have only been evidenced on smaller screens, his role as Eddie in the conclusion of Andy Muchetti's re-telling of the Stephen King classic stands out amongst the film's stacked cast.

As he remembers, Ransone got the opportunity for the role by chance and has since been blown away by rabid fans clamoring to see the new film this weekend.

"I kind of live under a rock a little bit," Ransone says with a laugh, "So I had no idea of the size of the phenomenon it would be. In another way, I feel like I won the Powerball. There's a lot of really talented

and well-qualified actors that could have or should have played my part as much as I should have. It's luck at a certain point."

Ransone joins fellow cast members James McAvoy, Jessica Chastain, Jay Ryan, Isaiah Mustafa and Bill Hader to play the older versions of the Losers Club from the first film. For Ransone, trying to add to the original portrayal of Eddie (played to wound-up hypochondriac perfection by Jack Dylan Grazer) was both a challenge and a thrill to try and pull off.

"If you go back and watch the first one, I have never seen a kid talk that fast or react that fast and it's totally natural," he says of his admiration of the young actor. "He's a weird freak phenom. That stuff is not teachable… He's like a machine gun! I just remember being really impressed by his speed."

While getting into the role of Eddie was only part of the battle, Ransone felt the need to step up his game with the high pedigree of actors included in this ensemble cast. "The first couple of days, I felt really freaked out because McAvoy and Chastain are really highly trained classical actors. They're really good at that stuff and do their homework. I had gone to school for theater but eventually switched for fine art. I'm more of a fine art person, or at least am attracted to the visual arts in a different way. I look at film differently than a performative aspect… but I was really scared because Andy Muchetti relied on me to do all of this improve with Bill Hader. Which I'm very happy to do, because that's what I did in Sean Baker's movies. But we would shoot that stuff in, like, a living room on an iPhone. The pressure is different because it was like, here's this guy who was on "SNL." That was the part that made it really good for me because I got to see how real comedians work in terms of on-the-fly stuff. I was really fortunate to work with Bill as someone who came from a sketch background because their whole thing is dependent on the entire joke working. It wasn't like he was trying to step over me or overshadow me."

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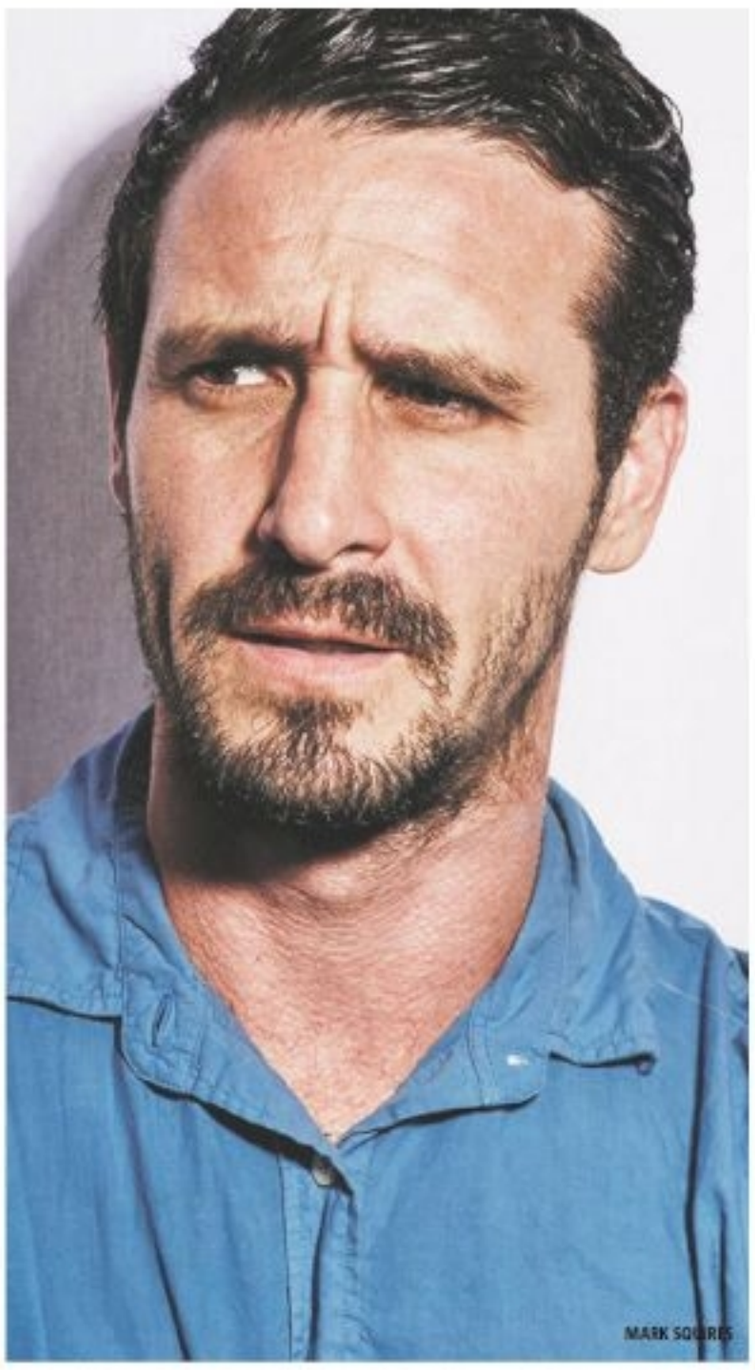
James Ransone

Ransone more than meets the challenge of this role, as Eddie's journey is one of the more touching story lines of the film and his scenes with Hader provide the biggest laughs of the film. So, why is he taken back my compliment when I tell him that he seems to be on a creative tear as of late?

"What's really weird about you saying that is that I just had a baby this year," Ransone explains. "What's really cool about having him has freed me up to do stuff that I really enjoy doing creatively. I'm doing all sorts of weird stuff, man. I'm tie-dying all of these sweatsuits now and people are asking me to do brand collaborations. I'm drawing again. I feel like I'm not in a creative tear in acting, but I'm sure I'll get another job from this. I feel like I've kind of relaxed into my own. Ninety percent of that has to do with me having a kid. It's weird, I don't feel precious about it anymore. I just want to have fun doing it and whatever the results are, I have no control over anyways."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Chinatown Main Street Lantern Festival
Back for its sixth year, join Mayor Marty Walsh and revelers on Saturday for this special celebration of Chinese culture. Festivities will include lion dances, martial arts showcases, food, games and more. *Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Chinatown Gate, John F Fitzgerald Surface Rd., rosekennedygreenway.org*

First Fridays
September is here, which means the monthly First Fridays festivities are back to kick off the month. Swing by the Institute of Contemporary Art / Boston this weekend for the big bash, which will include drag performances by Toast, Civilization, Holly Water, Zayn-X, Missy Steak, Pulp Friction and Arabella, along with special guest host Pristine Christine. *Sept. 6, 5-9:30 p.m., Institute of Contemporary Art / Boston, 25 Harbor Shore Dr., 21+, $20+, icaboston.org*

JP Music Festival
Jam out in Jamaica Plain! Back for its ninth year, the annual JP Music Festival will take over the Pinebank Baseball Field on Saturday for a full day of performances. See acts like Gentle Temper, The Party Band, Trusty Sidekick and more take the stage. *Sept. 7, noon-7 p.m., Pinebank Baseball Field, 345 Jamaicaway, jpmusicfestival.com*

Lil Duval
Lil Duval is living his best life, and he plans to prove it in Boston this weekend. The comic and recording artist dropped his hit track "Smile (Living My Best Life)," featuring Snoop Dogg, to much acclaim last year. Lil Duval brings his "Living My Best Life" tour to The Wilbur for one night only on Friday. *Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m., The Wilbur, 246 Tremont St., $39+, thewilbur.com*

Of Monsters and Men
The Icelandic indie band is back in the Hub this weekend. Fresh off the release of their latest album, "Fever Dream," Of Monsters and Men will rock out at the Rockland Trust Bank Pavilion on Sunday night. Lower Dens is also set to perform. *Sept. 8, 7: 30 p.m., Rockland Trust Bank Pavilion, 290 Northern Ave., $25+, livenation.com*

Somerville Dog Festival
Party with pups this weekend. The 10th annual Somerville Dog Festival returns on Sunday, and locals and their furry friends are invited to join in on the fun, which includes food trucks, games and more. For this year's festivities, the Somerville Foundation for Animals is partnering with Mass Vet Referral Hospital to host the event, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to benefit local animal charities. *Sept. 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 541 Broadway, Somerville, free, somdogfest.org*

Swing Dance Night
Get your groove on at Faneuil Hall. Stop by on Thursday night to learn how jive with free lessons from Boston Swing Central. The Easy Winners Sextet will also be on hand to provide the tunes. The best part? The event is free to attend and beginners are welcome. *Sept. 5, 6-8:30 p.m., Faneuil Hall, bostonswingcentral.org*

The Wiggles
Need something family-friendly to do with the little ones this weekend? Then head to the Wang Theatre on Thursday night. Trust us, the kids will be singing along all night to their favorite Wiggles tunes. *Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m., Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., $40+, bochcenter.org* METRO STAFF

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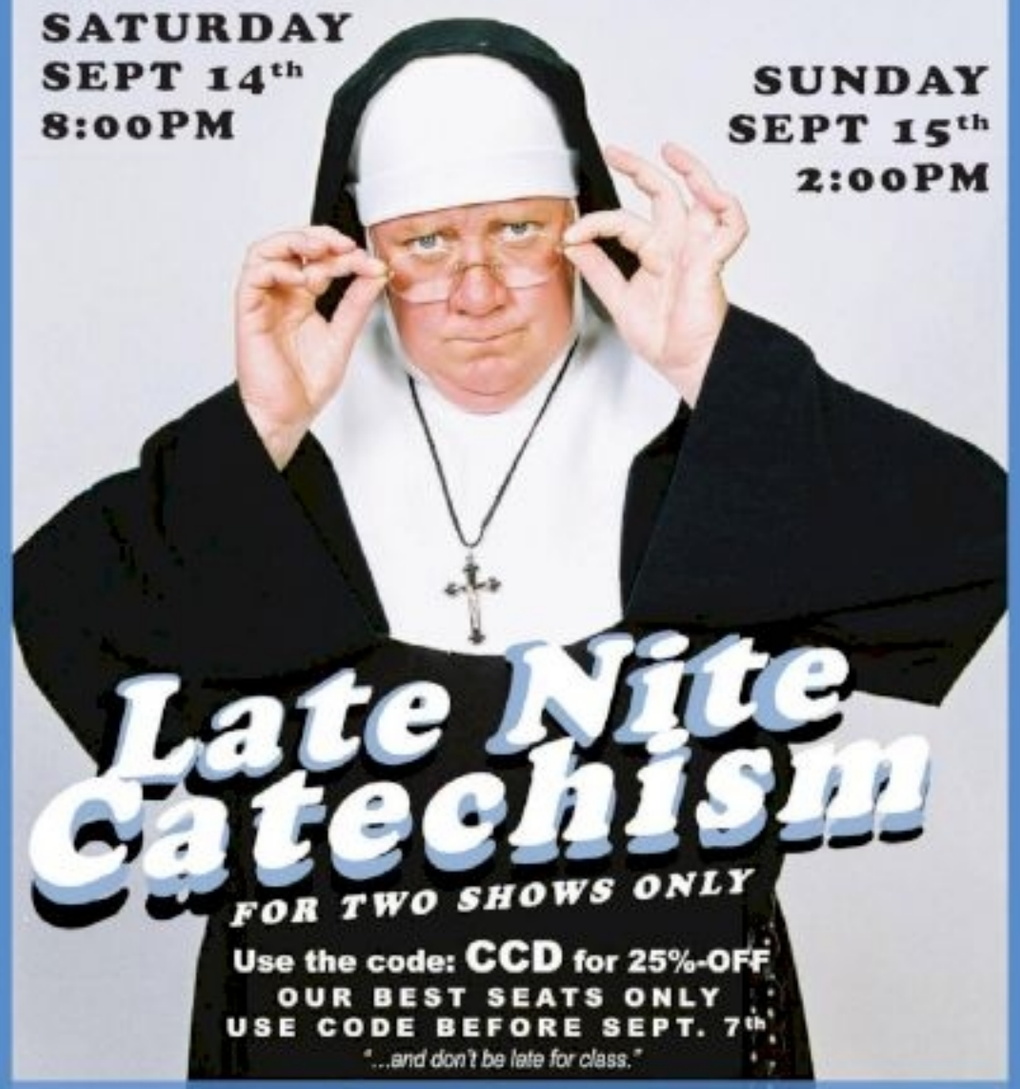
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Where to watch the Patriots season opener

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After taking home a sixth Super Bowl title this past winter, the Patriots embark begin the road to ring No. 7 in Foxboro on Sunday as they face the Steelers in the season opener. If you weren't lucky enough to score tickets to the big game but still want to get off the couch, don't worry, because there are plenty of places showing the matchup around. Here are a few of the top places in and around the Hub to catch this weekend's showdown.

CBS Sporting Club
If you're looking to take a trek to Foxboro but aren't in the mood for a full-on tailgate, then head to CBS Sporting Club at Patriot Place. The restaurant and sports bar has everything you need for gameday, including stadium-style seating, a massive 25-foot LED TV, plus a delicious menu featuring New England classics. *201 Patriot Pl., Foxboro, cbssportingclub.com*

Tony C's
Named after Red Sox legend Tony Conigliaro, this fan-favorite sports bar is always a great place to catch all the action. In addition to its menu of tasty gameday snacks and drinks, the flagship location in Fenway also features a 150-seat roof deck that overlooks Fenway Park. Tony C's also has locations in Burlington, Peabody Somerville and the Seaport. *Various locations, tonycssportsbar.com*

Kings Dining & Entertainment
Get your game on while enjoying the big game. Enjoy the Patriots season opener at Kings Dining & Entertainment and test your skills at bowling, billiards, air hockey and more in between quarters. Make sure to fill up on pizza, burgers and other bites as you watch the matchup on one of the towering projection screens or HD TVs. *Various locations, kings-de.com*

Cask n' Flagon
An institution in the Fenway neighborhood, this popular sports bar's flagship location is a go-to spot for many local sports fans. Fuel your fandom with tasty bites like buffalo chicken dip, burgers, pizza and more and wash it all down with a selection from large beer list. Cask also has a location in Marshfield for those who can't make it into the city. *Various locations, casknflagon.com*

McGreevy's Boston
A staple of the Back Bay for years, this Boylston Street haunt is another fantastic hot spot to visit on gameday. Billed as America's first sports bar and owned by Ken Casey of the Dropkick Murphys, let the Guinness flow as you cheer on Tom Brady and the boys. You can't get much more Boston than this beloved Irish pub. *911 Boylston St., mcgreevysboston.com*

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The *Boston Arts Festival* brings watercolors (and more) to the waterfront

Now in its 17th year, the Boston Arts Festival will once again take over Christopher Columbus Park Sept. 7-8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, featuring more than 50 area artists and more than a dozen local singers and bands. The juried show, which draws about 50,000 visitors annually, was established by the late Mayor Menino and the Office of Arts, Tourism and Special Events in 2003 and has grown into one of the most popular events in the city.

"This is my favorite art event of the year because there are so many talented artists and musicians in one place," says Jen Matson, one of the festival organizers. "I love meeting the artists and getting the stories behind the art, and it's fun sitting on a blanket and hanging out for the music. Every musician is someone I'd pay to go see, and here they are, all together, performing for free."

Art of all kinds will be featured at the event, including painting, jewelry, fiber, mixed media and illustration. Visitors will also find such unique offerings such as woodturning from Gary Kaplan, printmaking from Sarah Koff and Irene and Jonas Hastings, and paper arts from Eric Pow.

> **"It's a wonderfully curated selection of art and fine craft, plus fun local musicians and bands. All in a delightful park along the water**
>
> Betsy Baker

Painter Lisa Boemer, whose work includes nautical themes, landscapes, sunsets, Boston cityscapes and still lifes, will be exhibiting as part of the event for the first time this year. "I've always enjoyed exploring all the city of Boston has to offer. It's a dream come true to be an artist participating at the Boston Arts Festival with so many diverse, interesting and talented artists, artisans, and musicians," she says. "I'm excited to share my creations and create joy with the visitors that will be enjoying the festival — and to meet the other artists. I find so much inspiration participating in community events and am grateful for the opportunity."

Like Boemer, many of artist Leah Bares' pieces fit nicely with the setting of the festival. "I'm excited to

be by the ocean selling nautical-inspired watercolors," she says. "I feel like the festival has the perfect mix of vendors and makers to represent Boston and our culture."

Contemporary jewelry-maker Betsy Baker will be bringing her polymer and mixed-metal pieces to the festival. "As a longtime Boston resident and artist, the Boston Arts Festival is one of my favorite events of the year," she shares. "It's a wonderfully curated selection of art and fine craft, plus fun local musicians and bands. All in a delightful park along the waterfront."

As visitors stroll, they'll get to enjoy the sounds of several artists and bands that span genres from folk to indie rock. Among those playing this year are The Northeastern Railroads, Emily and Jake, The 94's, Anna May, Loft String Quartet, and James McCarthy.

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VITO SPEAKS

Hey, "Larry." I happen to appreciate the poetic and lyrical pieces that have appeared under the Grumble. I don't recall any unicorns and rainbows, that's exaggerating and inaccurate. I do remember reading about the end of summer, Judy Garland, Woodstock, and other thoughtful pieces on life. I'd imagine most of them were sent in to the Humble.

I, personally, grow bored reading petty postings about dog droppings, subway irritants, slow street traffic, and half-full (or empty?) potato chip bags. I find many of the more poetic and lyrical postings celebrating people and events to be refreshing and much-needed in our toxic society. Life is short, Larry, in case you hadn't noticed. I'm quite fine with looking at the positives, whenever possible.

— **Vito,** *Metro US reader*

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Aries Look at all aspects of a situation before you get involved. You should focus on listening, learning and exploring the possibilities. Time is on your side, so slow down and think the matter through.

Taurus Look, see and do. Let your imagination take charge and your intelligence help you develop what you want to pursue. Success will follow if you take action and chase your dream.

Gemini Look for the good in everyone, but don't let someone who is a smooth talker take advantage of your kindness and generosity. If someone is manipulative, recognize what's happening and walk away.

Cancer Spending time with family and using your talents to reach your personal and professional goals should be your priorities. Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. Be proactive.

Leo Expand your interests, but don't get into something that is beyond your means. Know your limitations and boundaries before you proceed. Question someone's motives.

Virgo If you don't pay enough attention to what's going on behind the scenes at home or with your finances, you'll be forced to backtrack. Take control.

Libra Don't let anyone limit what you can do. Look at the big picture and make adjustments that will encourage success. If you can make do with less, it's in your best interest.

Scorpio A change is heading your way. Get ready to take a chance, and try using your skills and experience to reach new levels. You can grow emotionally and spiritually.

Sagittarius Consider who you are dealing with before you enter into a competition or decide to form a partnership. A lack of honesty or integrity may disrupt your plans.

Capricorn It's up to you to make things happen. Don't sit around waiting for someone else to do things for you. If you take charge, you'll gain respect and the support you need.

Aquarius Consider what you have been doing and what you wish you were doing. Find the middle ground and inch your way toward your goal. Success takes time, so don't lose sight of your dream.

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Google's YouTube to pay $170M penalty for illegally collecting data on children

Video service used cookies without parental consent.

Google, which is owned by Alphabet Inc., and its YouTube video service will pay $170 million to settle allegations that it broke federal law by collecting personal information about children, the Federal Trade Commission said on Wednesday.

YouTube had been accused of tracking viewers of children's channels using cookies without parental consent and using those cookies to target millions of dollars in advertisements to those viewers.

The settlement with the FTC and the New York attorney general's office, which will receive $34 million, is the largest since a law banning collecting information about children under age 13 came into effect in 1998. The law was revised in 2013 to include "cookies," used to track a person's internet viewing habits.

It is also small compared with the company's revenues. Alphabet, which generates about 85 percent of its revenue from sales of ad space and ad technology, in July reported total second-quarter revenue of $38.9 billion.

YouTube said in a statement on Wednesday that in four months it would begin treating all data collected from people watching children's content as if it came from a child. "This means that we will limit data collection and use on videos made for kids only to what is needed to support the operation of the service," YouTube said on its blog.

In addition to the monetary fine, the proposed settlement requires the company to create a system for identifying content aimed at children and to notify channel owners about their obligations to get consent from parents before collecting information on children.

FTC Chairman Joe Simons noted at a news conference on Wednesday what he said were important changes to YouTube business practices. "No other company in America is subject to these types of requirements and they will impose significant costs on YouTube," he told reporters.

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> **"A financial settlement is no substitute for strict reforms that will stop Google and other tech companies from invading our privacy."**
>
> Conn. Sen. Richard Blumenthal

FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection Director Andrew Smith told reporters that the $170 million settlement was based on revenues from data collected, times a multiplier. "It happens that $170 million is roughly the budget of the Bureau of Consumer Protection for one year," he added.

Once the settlement takes effect, the FTC plans to "conduct a sweep of the YouTube platform to determine whether there remains child-directed content" in which personal information is being collected, Smith said.

The FTC could take actions against individual content creators or channel owners as a result.

In late August, YouTube announced it would launch YouTube Kids with separate niches for children depending on their ages and designed to exclude disturbing videos. It has no behavioral advertising.

YouTube allows companies to create channels, which include advertisements that create revenue for both the company and YouTube.

In its complaint, the government said that YouTube touted its popularity with children in marketing itself to companies like Mattel and Hasbro. It told Mattel that "YouTube is today's leader in reaching children age 6-11 against top TV channels," according to the complaint.

New York Attorney General Letitia James said the companies "abused their power."

"Google and YouTube knowingly and illegally monitored, tracked, and served targeted ads to young children just to keep advertising dollars rolling in," said James.

The two Democrats on the FTC, Rebecca Slaughter and Rohit Chopra, dissented from the settlement. Slaughter, who called the violations "widespread and brazen," said the settlement fails to require YouTube to police channels that provide children's content but do not designate it as such, thus allowing more lucrative behavioral advertising, which relies on tracking viewers through cookies.

Sens. Ed Markey and Richard Blumenthal, both Democrats active in online privacy matters, criticized the settlement in separate statements.

"A financial settlement is no substitute for strict reforms that will stop Google and other tech companies from invading our privacy," Blumenthal said. "I continue to be alarmed by Big Tech's policies and practices that invade children's lives." REUTERS

MA lawmakers hear more ideas to address opioid epidemic

Lawmakers and advocates urged passage of bills Wednesday that would increase insurance coverage of addiction treatment and expand access to overdose-reversal medication, stressing the need for a range of strategies to limit the opioid epidemic's death toll.

The Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is weighing more than two dozen pieces of legislation responding to the hundreds of lives lost every month to opioid overdoses and addiction.

One proposal (H 1747) would require every first responder in Massachusetts to be equipped with naloxone, a medicine that can reverse opioid overdoses in the critical moments before the incident becomes fatal.

Rep. Smitty Pignatelli, one of the bill's authors, said some municipalities have implemented local requirements for police officers and firefighters to carry naloxone, often referred to by the brand name Narcan, but gaps remain across the state.

While the committee is considering a slew of proposals, it did not hear testimony on supervised consumption sites Wednesday. House Chair Marjorie Decker announced the committee will host a separate hearing on that controversial idea — which was recommended by a state panel but has drawn threats of prosecution from U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling — "shortly." STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

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Food scarce, rescue efforts underway in Bahamas following 2-day Dorian hit

"One of the greatest national crises in our history," PM says; at last seven dead.

Devastation after Hurricane Dorian hit Grand Bahama Island in the Bahamas, Sept. 4, 2019. REUTERS

Survivors of Hurricane Dorian on Wednesday picked through the wreckage of homes ripped open by fierce winds, struggled to fuel generators and queued for food after one of the most powerful Caribbean storms on record devastated parts of the Bahamas.

The most damaging storm to strike the island nation, Dorian killed at least seven people, but the scope of the destruction and a humanitarian crisis was still coming into focus as aerial video of the Abaco Islands in the northern Bahamas showed wide devastation.

Dozens of people took to Facebook to search for missing loved ones, and aid agencies estimated that tens of thousands of people out of the Bahamas population of 400,000 would need food and other support.

"We are in the midst of one of the greatest national crises in our country's history," Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Minnis told a news conference. "We can expect more deaths to be recorded. This is just preliminary information."

LaQuez Williams, pastor at Jubilee Cathedral in Grand Bahama, opened the church as a shelter for about 150 people. As the storm ground on, Williams said that from the higher ground of the church he could see people on their rooftops seeking refuge.

"They were calling for help, but you could not go out to reach," Williams said. "It was very difficult because you felt helpless."

Aerial video of Great Abaco Island showed miles of flooded neighborhoods littered with upturned boats and shipping containers scattered like toys. Many buildings had walls or roofs partly ripped off.

With many telephones down on Abaco and Grand Bahama islands, residents posted lists of missing loved ones on social media.

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Hong Kong leader pulls extradition bill after months of protests

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam on Wednesday withdrew an extradition bill that triggered months of often violent protests so the Chinese-ruled city can move forward from a "highly vulnerable and dangerous" place and find solutions.

Her televised announcement came after Reuters reports on Friday and Monday revealing Beijing thwarted an earlier proposal from Lam to withdraw the bill and she had said privately that she would resign if she could.

"Lingering violence is damaging the very foundations of our society, especially the rule of law," a somber Lam said as she sat wearing a navy blue jacket and pink shirt with her hands folded on a desk.

It was not clear when the recording was made. The withdrawal needs the approval of the Legislative Council, which is not expected to oppose Lam.

The bill would have allowed extraditions to mainland China where courts are controlled by the Communist Party. Its withdrawal is a key demand of protesters but just one of five. The move came after pitched battles across the former British colony of 7 million. More than 1,000 protesters were arrested.

Many are furious about perceived police brutality and the number of arrests and want an independent inquiry.

"The government will formally withdraw the bill in order to fully allay public concerns," Lam said.

"I pledge that the government will seriously follow up the recommendations of the IPCC (Independent Police Complaints Council) report. From this month, I and my principal officials will reach out to the community to start a direct dialogue. ... We must find ways to address the discontent in society and look for solutions."

The protests began in March but snowballed in June and have evolved into a push for greater democracy for the city which returned to China in 1997. It was not clear if killing the bill would help end the unrest.

The immediate reaction appeared skeptical.

Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam holds a news conference in Hong Kong, China. REUTERS IMAGES

"FIVE DEMANDS, NOT ONE MISSING"

Some lawmakers said the move should have come earlier.

"The damage has been done. The scars and wounds are still bleeding," said pro-democracy legislator Claudia Mo. "She thinks she can use a garden hose to put out a hill fire. That's not going to be acceptable."

Many people on street corners after nightfall were shouting: "Five demands, not one missing."

"We still have four other demands. We hope people won't forget that," said a woman speaking for the protest movement who declined to identify herself except by the surname Chan. "The mobilization power won't decrease."

Riot police fired beanbag guns and used pepper spray on Tuesday to clear demonstrators from outside the Mong Kok police station and in Prince Edward metro station.

The four other demands are: retraction of the word "riot" to describe rallies, release of all demonstrators, an independent inquiry into perceived police brutality, and the right for Hong Kong people to choose their own leaders.

In the United States, Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, a persistent critic of what he sees as Beijing's attempts to undermine Hong Kong's autonomy, called Lam's move "welcome but insufficient."

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PATRIOTS KEEP BRADY MOTIVATED FOR A SEVENTH SUPER BOWL RING

Bill Belichick continues to come up with ways to motivate Tom Brady. GETTY IMAGES

When the New England Patriots drafted Jimmy Garoppolo in the second round of the 2014 NFL Draft, it became clear that even Bill Belichick understood Tom Brady can't play forever.

But a funny thing happened after that. Since the drafting of Garoppolo, Brady has led the Patriots to four of the last five Super Bowls, winning three of those four appearances, two of which Garoppolo was still in New England for, before being traded to San Francisco during the 2017 season.

Brady now has six Super Bowl rings. And in his quest for a seventh, he'll once again find himself with a backup quarterback who's destined to one day become an NFL starter.

This time it's 23-year-old Jarrett Stidham, who the Patriots drafted earlier this year in the fourth round out of Auburn. He won the backup job, forcing Belichick to cut veteran quarterback Brian Hoyer this past weekend.

The word "forcing" might be a little too strong in this instance. Keeping Stidham over Hoyer was Belichick's decision in a QB battle that didn't really have an overwhelming winner. But let's be real here. It's not like the Patriots were going to cut the kid they just drafted.

Belichick could've kept three quarterbacks on the roster. Considering Stidham's inexperience at the NFL level, it might not have even been such a bad decision to keep the veteran around. But if history has taught us anything, it's that the presence of a young, newly-drafted QB is an added motivational factor for Brady.

And you know what's even more motivating than having a rookie quarterback on the roster? Releasing the veteran and making that rookie the No. 2 quarterback on the depth chart.

Given my description of the Patriots' potential strategy behind making Stidham the backup to Brady, perhaps I should substitute "motivating" with "intimidating." As in, Belichick is trying to "intimidate" Brady into thinking the organization has once again found his heir apparent.

However you want to describe it, Stidham is here to stay, and Brady knows it. Brady also knows he can become a free agent after this season, which begins Sunday night at home against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The reality of it all is, a 42-year-old Brady doesn't want to play anywhere else, and the Patriots would like to win as much as they can with Brady still playing at a high level. But just as Belichick implied with his drafting of Garoppolo in the second round in 2014, the Patriots also know that Brady won't be able to play at a high level forever.

Did Garoppolo's presence motivate Brady? Of course it did. You'd be foolish to think otherwise. Will Stidham's presence have the same effect? Belichick, the Patriots, and the rest of New England certainly hope so.

That's not to say Brady needs any extra motivation in order to be successful. But it definitely can't hurt to give it to him.

And if history is any indication as to how Brady will respond, then you might want to book your February flights to Miami right now.

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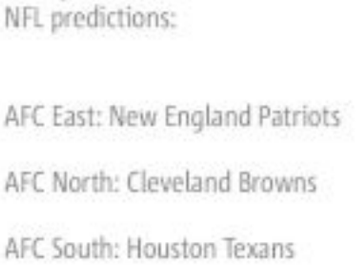

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Danny Picard's 2019 NFL predictions:

AFC East: New England Patriots

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AFC West: Kansas City Chiefs

AFC Wild Cards: Jacksonville Jaguars, Pittsburgh Steelers

NFC East: Philadelphia Eagles

NFC North: Minnesota Vikings

NFC South: New Orleans Saints

NFC West: Seattle Seahawks

NFC Wild Cards: Atlanta Falcons, Los Angeles Rams

AFC Championship: Patriots over Chiefs

NFC Championship: Saints over Seahawks

Super Bowl LIV: Patriots over Saints

Steelers still a threat to Patriots

Pittsburgh still has plenty of top-level talent.

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We see it all the time in sports.

A good team loses one or two of its biggest stars and is left for dead by the media and fans, but said team then uses all of the disregard for fuel and comes out better in the end.

The Steelers are certainly hoping that's the case for them this season, with headaches Antonio Brown and Le'Veon Bell finally removed from the situation.

Pittsburgh GM Kevin Colbert has done a nice job of changing the culture in Pittsburgh in the past few months. And make no mistake about it, the Steelers still have talent.

Most of the focus with Pittsburgh is on whether or not JuJu Smith-Schuster can take over the role of a No. 1 receiver, with Brown now causing disruption in Oakland's locker room. Smith-Schuster will receive a ton more double teams this season for sure, but teams — like the Patriots on Sunday night — will also have to account for a couple of Pittsburgh's less heralded talents.

Former Colts and Jaguars receiver Donte Moncrief was a huge pick-up for the Steelers this offseason, and they still have James Washington — a 2018 second round pick that flashed at receiver throughout last season.

Tight end Vance McDonald will also see more targets from Ben Roethlisberger this year, as he is entering his prime. McDonald had the best season of his career last year with the Steelers as he hauled in 610 yards of receiving.

Steals of the draft

The Patriots and Steelers both have rookie linebackers from Michigan that are getting plenty of buzz for Defensive Rookie of the Year honors. Pats LB Chase Winovich and Pittsburgh LB Devin Bush have been dubbed "the steals of the 2019 NFL Draft" by many analysts this summer. Bush is the favorite to win Defensive Rookie of the Year with +550 odds and Winovich is +3300.

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JuJu Smith-Schuster lays a stiffarm on Patriots cornerback JC Jackson. GETTY IMAGES

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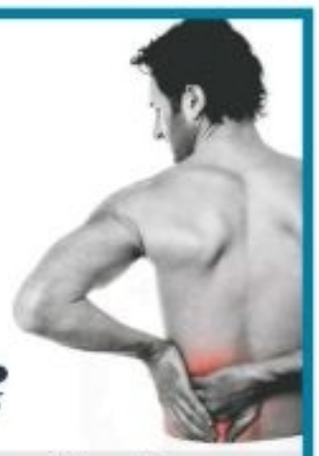

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In the Interests of: **Catherine Gorman**
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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Massachusetts General Hospital** of **Boston, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 29, 2019

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TO: **Jose O. Yanes** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in **East Boston, 453 Meridian Street,** given by **Jose O. Yanes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.,** dated **January 5, 2005,** and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book **36261**, Page **201**, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

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Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on August 19, 2019
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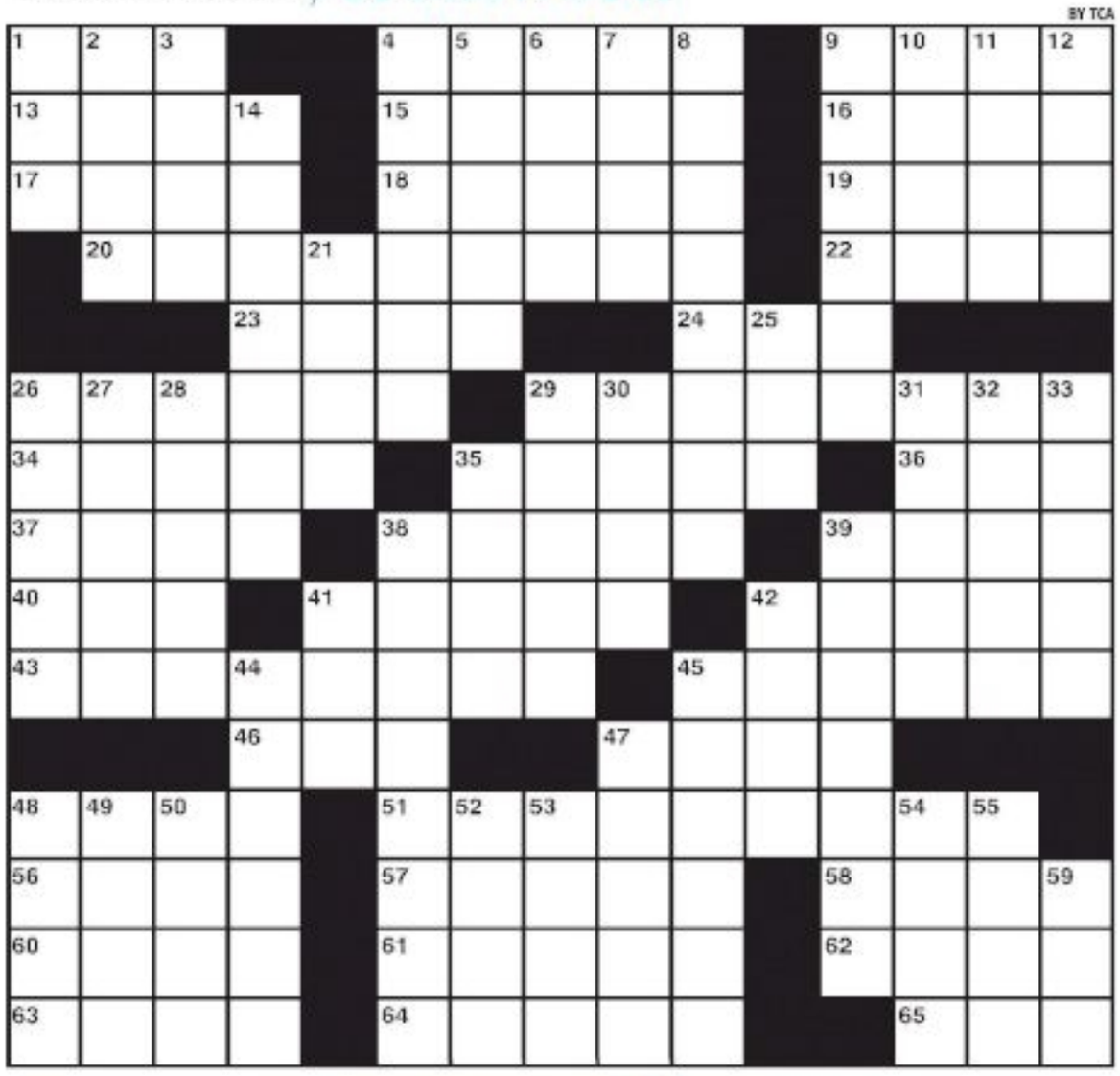

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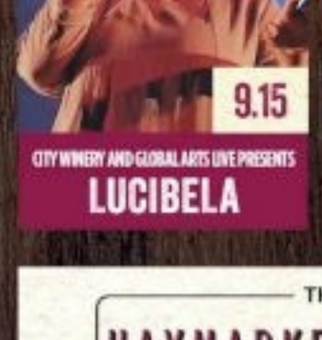
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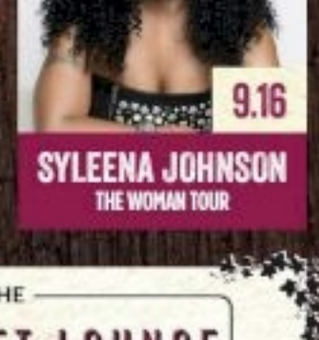
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